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SUBJ: ANGOLA AND BEYOND: RISING AFRICAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET
INTENTIONS?

REF: DAR ES SALAAM'S 419, DAKAR 0792

1. ACCORING RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE WITH ACCESS,
PRESIDENT NYERERE FEELING INCREASING CONCERN OVER SOVIET
INTENTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN WAKE MPLA'S MILITARY
PROGRESS IN ANGOLA.

2. SOURCE ASSERTS NYERERE IS GAINING VIEW THAT SOVIETS
PREPARED ATTEMPT EXPLOIT THEIR ANGOLAN SUCCESS THROUGHOUT
REGION AGAINST MOBUT, KAUNDA AND CHINESE. POSSIBLE
RAMIFICATIONS SUCH A TURN OF EVENTS FOR TANZANIA SUFFICIENTLY
UNSETTLING THAT NYERERE IS PREPARING TO USE HIS

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INFLUENCE AGAINST ANY MACHINATIONS AIMED AT NEIGHBORING

FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS (I.E. KAUNDA'S) OR OTHER POWERS SUCH AS CHIAN, WITH WHICH TANZANIA MAINTAINS SUGNIFICANT TIES. APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT TO KEY COLLABORATORS INTER ALIA IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING OAU CM. THEIR THRUST IS THAT AFRAICA SHOULD FOR PRESENT LIMIT ITS APPROVAL OF SOVIET SUPPORT TO MPLA IN "DECOLONIZATION" OF ANGOLA ONLY.

3. IN LESS DIRECT AND EXPLICIT WAY WE ALSO SENSE RISING EPMG CONCERN OVER LEVEL AND SCOPE OF POISITED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO SOMALIA, AS GSDR STOKES DJIBOUTI TENSIONS. SOME OBSERVERS HERE ALREADY SPECULATING THAT SOVIETS, IN WAKE LIMITATIONS ON US COUNTER ACTION WHICH SURFACED IN ANGOLA, MAY BE PREPARED CHALLENGE ETHIOPIA, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA--ALL OF WHOM IN VARYING DEGREES BENEFITING FROM US SUPPORT --ON BAB EL MANDEB, THIS TIME USING SOMALIS AS THEIR PROXIES. MOFA OFFS GENERALLY CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT SOVIETS WILL RESTRAIN GSDR ON DJIBOUTI, BUT THEY SEEM LESS SANGUINE THAN HERETOFORE IN THIS BELIEF.

4. BE THAT AS IT MAY, WE SENSE EVOLUTION WHICH MAY BE ACCELERATING AND SPREADING IN PERCEPTION SOME AFRICAN OBSERVERS OF BURGEONING PRESENCE SOVIETS "AND THEIR CUBAN MERCENARIES" (CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S TERMINOLOGY) IN ANGOLA. WE BELIEVE EVOLUTION COULD CONTINUE TO MOVE IN DIRECTION GREATER COMPREHENSION FOR USG'S CONCERNS--NOTWITHSTANDING ADJUSTMENTS GOVERNMENTS MAKING TO EVOLUTION OF SITUATION ON THE GROUND--PARTICULARLY IF SOVIETS/CUBANS OVERPLAY THEIR HAND IN ANGOLA; NEIGHBORS' PROBLEMS GROW; OR NETO REMAINS RIGID IN FACE EFFORTS EXPECTE PEAK AT FEB. 23 OAU CM TO GAIN MPLA ACCEPTANCE FOR SOME POWER-SHARING WITH HIS ANGOLAN OPPONENTS.

5. DEPT WILL NOTE POSSIBLE CONVERGENCE BETWEEN SUBSTANCE PARAS 1-2 THIS MESSAGE AND CONTENTS DAR ES SALAAM'S REFTEL.
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